



Region 1 Regional Service Council Strategic Action Prevention Plan for 2007

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PURPOSE:

The Region 1 Regional Service council has adopted this community service plan to provide prevention services to children who have been identified as substantially at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation, delinquency or CHINS.

OBJECTIVES:

The goals or objectives of the plan are:

- ❖ To promote the safety of children
- ❖ To reduce the number of children being removed from their parents, guardians, or custodians
- ❖ To promote the efficiency of programs and services by coordinating available resources
- ❖ To prevent or reduce the number of children who are victims of child abuse, neglect, exploitation, or delinquency
- ❖ To identify prevention services appropriate for payment from the Lake County Child Welfare Services Account



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- ❖ To reduce the cost of providing services to children and families by funding prevention services

Review and Evaluation of Region 1 Prevention Services

Historically, Region 1 has provided a limited amount of prevention services in proportion to the service population. In an effort to reduce the number of children being adjudicated CHINS and delinquents, Region 1 is committed to increase the utilization and focus of prevention services.

The Region 1 Regional Service Council has identified gaps in prevention services for children and families in Lake County by contacting several professionals in the community. The following gaps have been acknowledged as areas to be addressed. Bilingual providers will be stressed as critical to delivery of services:

Identified Gap #1:

Parent skills training especially for

- ❖ parents of teenagers;
- ❖ teenage parents,
- ❖ parents of special needs children;
- ❖ separated and divorced parents;
- ❖ bringing awareness to safe sleeping arrangements; and
- ❖ general parenting skills

Identified Gap #2:

Mentoring programs and support groups for minor children and parents

Identified Gap #3:

Developing life skills/vocational skills for high school students to include but not limited to trade schools, apprenticeships programs, life skills coaching, mentoring provided in the school prior to graduation, tutoring





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Identified Gap #4:

Socialization skills for children grades K-12 to include but not limited to conflict resolution, anger management, handling peer pressure

Identified Gap #5:

Substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation services for minor children

Identified Gap #6:

Respite care/ safe place for families during a temporary crises (e.g. short hospitalization, cooling off period, emotional time-out)

Identified Gap #7:

Sex education to help prevent teenage pregnancy and communicable diseases as well as to heighten awareness of sex abuse

This Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention Plan was reviewed and approved by Region 1 Regional Service Council on March 27, 2007. This action will be reflected in the March 2007 minutes of this meeting.

This plan is the Region 1 Regional Service Council Strategic Action Prevention Plan for 2007.

All prevention services funded by Region 1 will be targeted to meet a service gap identified in this Strategic Action Plan.

Jane A. Bisbee, MSW
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